

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 25 AUGUST 1993

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Service	CIVILIAN	Sex	MALE	Blood type	# #
Grade	\$	Hair	GREY	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	GREY	Weapon	\$
Serial No	\$	Height	75 in / 1.91 mtrs	Weapon No	\$
Birth date	DATA	Weight	155 lb / 70.2 kg	Duty pos	LINGUIST
Home State	OREGON	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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Military Region:	2	
Mission Province:	DAC LAC	
(formerly):	DARLAC	
Mission District:	BUON MA THUOT TOW	
Mission Date:	1 Feb 1968	
Mission Category:	3	
Local Analysis:	Remote area.	Unknown location.

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27 September 1993

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--- ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ---

15 October 1993

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ON 1 FEBRUARY 1968, MR. HENRY F. BLOOD, A PROTESTANT MISSIONARY, AND MISS ELIZABETH "BETTY" A. OLSEN, A NURSE, WERE CAPTURED WHEN THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ALLIANCE COMPOUND IN WHICH THEY WERE WORKING WAS OVERRUN BY NORTH VEITNAMESE ARMY FORCES. THE COMPOUND WAS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES AQ776008 ON THE SOUTHWESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF BAN ME THUAT, DAC LAC, FORMERLY DAR LAC, PROVINCE, VIETNAM. AFTER CAPTURE, THEY WERE TAKEN TO A PW CAMP LOCATED A FEW DAYS WALK FROM BAN ME THUAT. THEY WERE JOINED BY MR. MICHAEL D. BENGE, A USAID AREA DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, WHO ALSO HAD BEEN CAPTURED AT THE MISSIONARY COMPOUND IN BAN ME THUAT ON 28 JAN 1968.

1 January 1976

THESE THREE, ALONG WITH A GROUP OF CAPTURED MONTAGNARDS AND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (ARVN) PERSONNEL, WERE TAKEN TO A PW CAMP IN THE VICINITY OF CHU KNIA MOUNTAIN, AT GRID COORDINATES (GC) BP 470 800. DURING THE ENSUING MONTHS THEY WERE MOVED TO SEVERAL CAMPS LOCATED ON THE SLOPES OF CHU KNIA AND CHU YANG GRI MOUNTAINS; IN THE VICINITY OF (GC) BP 405 770. SEVERAL MONTAGNARD SOURCES, WHO WERE EITHER RELEASED OR ESCAPED, REPORTED THAT MR. BLOOD WAS EXTREMELY ILL AND HAD SWELLING ALL OVER HIS BODY. HE DIED IN A PW CAMP IN THE VICINITY OF (GC) BP 411 783 AT ABOUT 0800 HOURS ON ABOUT 14 APRIL 1968.

AT ABOUT 1400 HOURS THE AFTERNOON OF THAT SAME DAY, CAMP PERSONNEL TOOK THE BODY AWAY. THEY WERE GONE FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF HOUR AND THE SOURCES SURMISED THAT THE BODY WAS BURIED IN THE VICINITY OF THE CAMP. (REF 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7)

THE DAY AFTER MR. BLOOD DIED, MR. BENGE AND MISS OLSEN WERE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER PW CAMP. AFTER A FEW MORE MOVES, THEY BEGAN THEIR TRIP TO NORTH VIETNAM IN ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1968. THE ENTIRE TRIP WAS MADE ON FOOT. MR. BENGE WAS NOT ENTIRELY CERTAIN ABOUT THE ROUTE THEY TRAVELED, BUT WAS FAIRLY SURE THAT THE PORTION OF THE TRIP DURING WHICH MISS OLSEN DIED WAS IN CAMBODIA. MISS OLSEN DIED OF AMOEBIC DYSENTERY, MALNUTRITION, AND LACK OF MEDICAL CARE IN ABOUT OCTOBER 1968. MR. BENGE WAS NOT SURE OF THE LOCATION, BUT THOUGHT IT WAS SOMEWHERE IN THE BORDER AREA OF CAMBODIA AND PLEIKU PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM.

MR. BENGE ARRIVED AT "CAMP 102" IN CAMBODIA ABOUT NOVEMBER 1968. HE WAS LATER TRANSFERRED TO NORTH VIETNAM AND WAS RELEASED FROM CAPTIVITY ON 4 MARCH 1973. THE DRV/PRG DIED-IN-CAPTIVITY LIST OF JANUARY 1973 STATES THAT MISS OLSEN DIED ON 26 SEPTEMBER 1968 AND THAT MR. BLOOD DIED ON 17 OCTOBER 1972. (REF 1)

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

1 January 1976

THE CAPTURE POINT WAS VISITED SEVERAL TIMES BY OFFICIALS FROM THE US CONSULATE, AS WELL AS BY JCRC REPRESENTATIVES, BUT NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR LEADS WERE DEVELOPED. THE TWO-PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION WAS GIVEN DETAILS OF THIS CASE. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN 1973 AND EARLY 1974, THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM ASKED THE COMMUNIST (PRG) DELEGATION FOR INFORMATION ON THE LOCATION OF THE GRAVES OF THESE INDIVIDUALS, AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS OFFICIALLY LISTED AS HAVING DIED IN CAPTIVITY.

THE U.S. ALSO PRESSED THE COMMUNISTS FOR DISCUSSIONS OF PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE REMAINS OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE RETURNED TO U.S. CONTROL. NO POSITIVE RESPONSE WAS EVER FORTHCOMING FROM THE COMMUNISTS TO ANY OF THESE OVERTURES. MR. BLOOD AND MISS OLSEN ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ===

3 January 1985

SOURCE REPORTED HEARSAY INFORMATION ON A GRAVESITE IN BAN ME THOUT THAT ALLEGEDLY CONTAINED THE REMAINS OF A U.S. ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST WHO WAS A MISSIONARY IN VIETNAM. THIS POTENTIALLY RELATES TO MR. HENRY F. BLOOD. (REF 8)

26 July 1990

THE SOURCE OF THIS REPORT PROVIDED HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING THREE AMERICAN MISSIONARIES NAMED "VLOD", "MICHEL" AND "OLDSEN" IN DAC LAC PROVINCE, LAOS. THE SOURCE TURNED OVER A TOOTH AND A SMALL BONE THAT ALLEGEDLY WERE PART OF THE RECOVERED REMAINS OF "OLDSEN". THE NAMES, LOCATION AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS CORRELATE WELL WITH THIS INCIDENT. CILHI IDENTIFIED THE TOOTH AND PORTION OF BONE AS BELONGING TO AN IMMATURE HUMAN BUT THE SEX OR RACE CANNOT BE DETERMINED. (REF 9)

10 December 1993

NGUYEN PHOI RECALLED THE FOLLOWING: HENRY BLOOD; DIED AT EA DRO (STREAM), BUON KHI (CAMP) GIANG MAO (VILLAGE), DAC LAC PROVINCE. (REF 15)

=== REFERENCES ===

3 January 1985

REFERENCES: <1> LTR , SUMMER INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTICS, 22 SEP 69. <2>

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=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

9 February 1985

A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON HENRY F. BLOOD WAS PASSED TO THE SRV DURING THE 6-9 FEB 85 JCRC TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

4 December 1987

A CASE NARRATIVE PERTAINING TO HENRY F. BLOOD WAS PASSED BY JCRC ON 4 AUG 87 TO THE SRV EMBASSY IN BANGKOK PURSUANT TO AGREEMENTS REACHED BETWEEN GENERAL VESSEY AND SRV FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACH.

9 March 1992

CASE 1017 NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM DURING THE 26-28 FEB 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING. (REF 10)

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

1 January 1976

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: HENRY F. BLOOD 1017-1-01, AND BETTY A. OLSEN 1018-1-01.

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

3 May 1987

INCIDENT LOCATION CHANGED FROM AQ800030 TO AQ776008 BASED ON LOCATION OF THE COMPOUND AS PER DIA/VO-PW.

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=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

12 January 1993

JOINT INVESTIGATION ELEMENT 2 (IE2) INVESTIGATED THIS CASE IN DAK LAK PROVINCE FROM 23 OCTOBER TO 15 NOVEMBER 1992. WITNESSES PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT A TALL CAUCASIAN AMERICAN CIVILIAN WHO WAS HELD IN A DAK LAK PROVINCIAL PRISON CAMP NEAR BUON KHI HAMLET NEAR YANG GRI MOUNTAIN IN 1968. THEY ALSO PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT THIS INDIVIDUAL'S DEATH DUE TO ILLNESS AND BURIAL NEAR THE PRISON CAMP. ONE WITNESS PROVIDED FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE AMERICAN'S INITIAL BURIAL AT THE CAMP. THIS WITNESS PARTICIPATED IN THE EXCAVATION OF THE AMERICAN'S REMAINS IN 1968 AND THE SUBSEQUENT REBURIAL OF THOSE REMAINS. TWO WITNESSES PROVIDED FIRST HAND INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR EXHUMATION OF THE SECOND BURIAL SITE IN MARCH 1984. ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THESE WITNESSES PROBABLY CORRELATES TO CASE 1017. (REF 11)

25 August 1993

DURING THE 12-30 APRIL 1989 TIME PERIOD, A MEMBER OF THE PROVINCIAL COORDINATION TEAM MENTIONED TO A U.S. TEAM MEMBER THAT PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES HAD RECOVERED THE REMAINS BELIEVED TO BE THOSE OF MR. BLOOD SOMETIME DURING 1987. THE REMAINS WERE SUPPOSEDLY FORWARDED TO HANOI. THE REMAINS WERE RECOVERED IN THE DAK LAK AREA AND REPATRIATED DURING THE APRIL 1988 TURNOVER. THE SOURCE BELIEVES THAT THE REMAINS HAD BEEN CONFISCATED FROM REMAINS TRADERS BY THE BMT PSS. (REF 12)

27 September 1993

DURING THE 12TH JFA (28 NOVEMBER - 19 DECEMBER 1990), THE TEAM INTERVIEWED WITNESSES WHO SAID AMERICANS IDENTIFIED AS HENRY BLOOD, BETTY OLSEN, AND DENNIS RANGER (SIC) WERE CAPTURED IN BUON MA THUOT ON 2 FEBRUARY 1968. THE THREE U.S. POWS WERE ESCORTED TO A CAMP LOCATED NEAR A ROCK CAVE ON CHU YANG GRI MOUNTAIN (BP4076). MR. BLOOD (REFNO 1017) DIED DUE TO ILLNESS AND WAS BURIED NEAR THE CAMP. ACCORDING TO VNOSMP TEAM MEMBERS, THE GRAVE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ROBBED AND THE REMAINS OF MR. BLOOD, MINUS THE CRANIUM, WERE CONFISCATED BY PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES. THE REMAINS ALLEGED TO BE THOSE OF MR. BLOOD WERE REPATRIATED IN 1988. SUBSEQUENT TO THE DEATH OF MR. BLOOD, THE REMAINING TWO PRISONERS (MS. OLSEN, REFNO 1018 AND MR. BENGE, REFNO 1008) WERE TRANSFERRED TO A COMMO-LIAISON STATION DESIGNATED T-8, LOCATED ON THE CAMBODIA-VIETNAM BORDER IN FORMER QUANG DUC PROVINCE. MS. OLSEN DIED AT T-8 DUE TO ILLNESS AND HER BODY WAS BURIED NEARBY. MR. BENGE WAS LATER MOVED TO NORTH VIETNAM AND WAS RELEASED IN MARCH 1973. THE WITNESSES KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE REPORTED BURIAL SITE FOR MS. OLSEN INDICATED THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE A SPECIFIC LOCATION DUE TO THE PASSAGE OF TIME. (REF 13)

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=== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ===

15 October 1993

ON 1 SEP 93, THE VIETNAMESE TURNED OVER BRIEF CASE ASSESSMENTS FOR EACH OF THE 27 DIED IN CAPTIVITY CASES. THE ASSESSMENTS WERE IN RESPONSE TO A U.S. PRESENTATION OF THE D.I.C. LIST AS A GUIDE FOR SPECIAL REMAINS TEAM INVESTIGATION. ONE OF THESE CASES WAS REFNO 1017, WHICH THE VIETNAMESE RECOMMENDED WOULD REQUIRE EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION UNTIL IT CAN BE RESOLVED. (REF 14)